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62.61 THE IMPROVED WILD BLUEBERRY

The wild Blueberry is the object of perhaps more extensive search in localities where it may be found, than any of our wild fruits. The reason being that it's pretty blueberries make the pie par excellence. Blueberry Pie when once tasted leaves a memory not soon forgotten. The improved varieties of this fruit are often as large as Concord Grapes, and some times larger. The delicious flavor of the wild Blueberry has been transmitted unimpaired to the improved varieties; as well as their hardiness and abundance of yield.

S O I L

The Improved Blueberry will probably grow on many types of soil, but they seem to do best on a rather light acid or sour soil. It may be wise before setting commercially, to either try a few plants on the particular soil, or have it tested for it's acid reaction.

C U L T U R E

The culture for Blueberries is the same as that for Raspberries, Of course they will grow and bear without cultivation, but like the other small fruits, greater yields will be obtained if the soil is stirred so that competing vegetation is kept subdued. Hand hoeing is of course necessary, where the weeds and grass are not kept down by cultivation. 3000 to 4000 quarts per acre have been harvested. They are as long lived as an apple tree. When once established you will have annual crops of these large and deliciously sweet Blueberries.

V A R I E T I E S

The following varieties have been brought out by the U.S. Govt.

CABOT. This is the first of the names varieties to ripen, which normally is early in July. The bush is rather spreading, the fruit is very large and ships well, and is of excellent quality.

PIONEER. Matures ten days after Cabot. The bush is spreading, vigorous, hardy and productive. The fruit is very large, light blue, firm, ships well and is very good in quality.

RUBEL. Ripens two weeks after Cabot. The bush is upright, very vigorous, hardy and productive. The fruit is large, light blue, very firm and ships well. The quality is good, although somewhat acid.

CONCORD. Matures about with Rubel, but the fruit averages much larger and the flavor is sweeter. The bush is upright, vigorous and productive. This is perhaps one of the best for home use.

RANCOCAS. Matures with Rubel. The bush is upright, vigorous and productive. The fruit is very large, light blue, firm, ships well and the quality is of the best.

JERSEY. Matures a week later than Rubel. The bush is upright, vigorous and productive. The fruit is very large, firm and of extra quality.

P R I C E S

2 year plants of all varieties 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen or \$40.00 per 100 in lots of 50 or more; 3 year bearing age plants, \$1.00 each \$10.00 per dozen or \$75.00 per 100; and all are sent prepaid.

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